

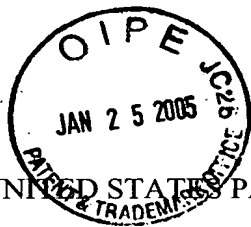
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Species A which is directed to Figures 1-18, 29A, 29B-30 and 32 which claims 1-12 are readable thereon, of which claim 1 is, of course, generic. Examination on the merits and allowance of the elected claims is earnestly solicited.

In accordance with MPEP § 806.04(d), once a claim that is determined to be generic is allowed, Applicants respectfully request that all of the claims drawn to species, in addition to the elected species, which include all the limitations of the generic claim also be allowed, since the additional species will depend on or otherwise include all of the limitations thereof.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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